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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: NEW SAUDI VISA REGULATIONS

REF: BONN 1157

1. PROBLEMS DESCRIBED REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER. MFA OFFICER ADVISED NEW REGULATIONS APPLY ONLY TO OFFICIAL VISITORS TO SAG, NOT TO OFFICIALS OR DIPLOMATS ENTERING KINGDOM TO VISIT EMBASSY ON OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT. REASON FOR CHANGE IN REGULATIONS WAS DUE TO UNANNOUNCED ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES (NON-U.S.) TO KINGDOM EXPECTING AUDIENCES WITH SENIOR SAG OFFICIALS. AS SUCH VISITS HAVE PROVEN TO BE EMBARRASSING, MFA HOPES TO ESTABLISH CONTROL OF FUTURE VISITS BY INSURING ITS BEING ADVISED OF TRAVEL PLANS OF DIGNATARIES PRIOR TO THEIR BEING ISSUED ENTRY VISAS.

2. APPRECIATE SAUDI EMBASSY BONN BEING ASKED TO VERIFY ABOVE INFORMATION AND IF EMBASSY CLAIMS NEW REGULATIONS APPLIES TO USG OFFICIALS JOURNEYING TO EMBASSY JIDDA ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, IT IS CLEAR THAT MISINTERPRETATION OF MFA INSTRUCTIONS EXISTS. IF SAUDI EMBASSY

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CONTINUES TO CLAIM INSTRUCTION INCLUDES VISITORS TO

EMBASSY JIDDA, PLEASE ADVISE AND MATTER WILL BE RAISED
WITH MFA.

3. MFA OFFICIAL'S RESPONSE TO PROBLEM DESCRIBED PAR 3
REFTEL WAS ONE OF DISBELIEF. IN FACT, UPON REALIZING
THAT BONN WAS EXPERIENCING VISA PROBLIMS, OFFICIAL SAID
"NOT WITH VISAS FOR COURIERS AGAIN". MFA OFFICIAL
ASKED OUR SUBMITTING DIPLOMATIC NOTE DESCRIBING PROBLEM
AND PROMISED THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP MATTER WITH SAUDI
EMBASSY. JIDDA WILL HOLD SUBMISSION OF NOTE PENDING
RECEIPT OF SAUDI EMBASSY'S REACTION TO INFO PROVIDED
PAR 1.
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